crores would be done away with"; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The industrial licensing policy is presently being reviewed with a view to simplifying procedures and eliminating delays.

Manuguru Thermal Power Project

1577. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 566 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1989 and state the present position regarding the setting up of the Manuguru Thermal Power Project in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): The further processing of the Feasibility Report submitted by the National Thermal Power Corporation for the setting up of the proposed Manuguru Super Thermal Power Project is held up for want of coal linkage and the clearances from the environmental and forestry angles.

Coal shortage at Vijayawada Thermal Power Station

1578. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vijayawada Thermal Power Station is facing a crisis because of serious drop in the coal supply from Talcher coal mines in Orissa;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to consider reallocation of coal to different regions so as to cut unnecessary transport charges and inconvenience?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) During the previous months, there has been some shortfall in the supplies of coal from the Talcher coalfields to the Vijayawada thermal power station. However, the coal requirement of the power stations has been adequately met from the Singareni coalfields and there has been no crisis on this account. The supplies from the Talcher coalfields have also gradually picked up and, during the current month, it has been more than the approved linkage.

(c) Due to inadequate availability of coal in the Singareni coal fields, the full requirement of all the linked power stations cannot be met from this coalfield. As such, a portion of the coal demand of these power stations is met from other coalfields.

Proposal from Karnataka regarding generation of electricity from wind power

1579. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal to generate electricity from power at Kappat Hill near Gadag in Karnataka from the Karnataka State Investment and Industrial Development Corporation is pending clearance; and

(b) if so, what are the details about the project?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The Department of Non-conventional Energy Sources has received a report containing results of wind survey and preliminary assessment of the potential for generation of wind power on some of the hills in Karnataka, including Kappatiagndda, mear Gadag. However, no specific project proposal has been received for establishment of a wind power project at this location.